

What is claimed is:

A self-adhesive article for mechanical protection of painted plastic mounted parts of automobiles, comprising a backing material in film form whose outer side is laminated with a layer of knitted fabric and whose inner side is pressure-sensitively adhesive through application of a self-adhesive composition.

- ~~2. The self-adhesive article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing material in film form has a Young's modulus of less than 300 N/mm², preferably less than 150 N/mm².~~

~~3. The self-adhesive article as claimed in either of claims 1 and 2, wherein the backing material in film form has a thickness of from 10 to 150 µm, preferably from 40 to 100 µm.~~

~~4. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the backing material in film form is composed of polyolefins, polyolefin blends, polyurethane and/or flexible PVC.~~

~~5. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the backing material in film form contains more than 0.15% by weight, preferably more than 0.3% by weight, of a light stabilizer.~~

~~6. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the backing material in film form is perforated and/or foamed.~~

~~7. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the knitted fabric has a basis weight of from 10 to 200 g/m², preferably from 20 to 80 g/m².~~

~~8. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the knitted fabric is composed of polyamide, polyester or polyethylene.~~

~~9. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the backing material is coated with from 10 to 80 g/m², preferably from 15 to 40 g/m², of a self-adhesive composition.~~

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- ~~10. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9, wherein the backing material in film form is joined to the knitted fabric by means of a laminating adhesive.~~
- ~~11. The self-adhesive article as claimed in claim 10, wherein the backing material in film form is joined to the knitted fabric by means of a reactive laminating adhesive based on a two-part polyurethane.~~
- ~~12. The self-adhesive article as claimed in claim 10 or 11, wherein the laminating adhesive is applied over the complete area or partially, particularly in the form of dots or stripes.~~
- ~~13. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 10 to 12, wherein the base polymer of the pressure sensitive adhesive is polyisobutylene or polyethylene-vinyl acetate.~~
- ~~14. The self-adhesive article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13, wherein an adhesion promoter is situated between backing material in film form and pressure sensitive adhesive.~~
- ~~15. The use of the self-adhesive article as claimed in at least one of the preceding claims on curved areas on the outside of automobiles.~~
- ~~16. The use of the self-adhesive article as claimed in at least one of the preceding claims on the paint finish of automobile plastic parts such as, in particular, bumpers.~~
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